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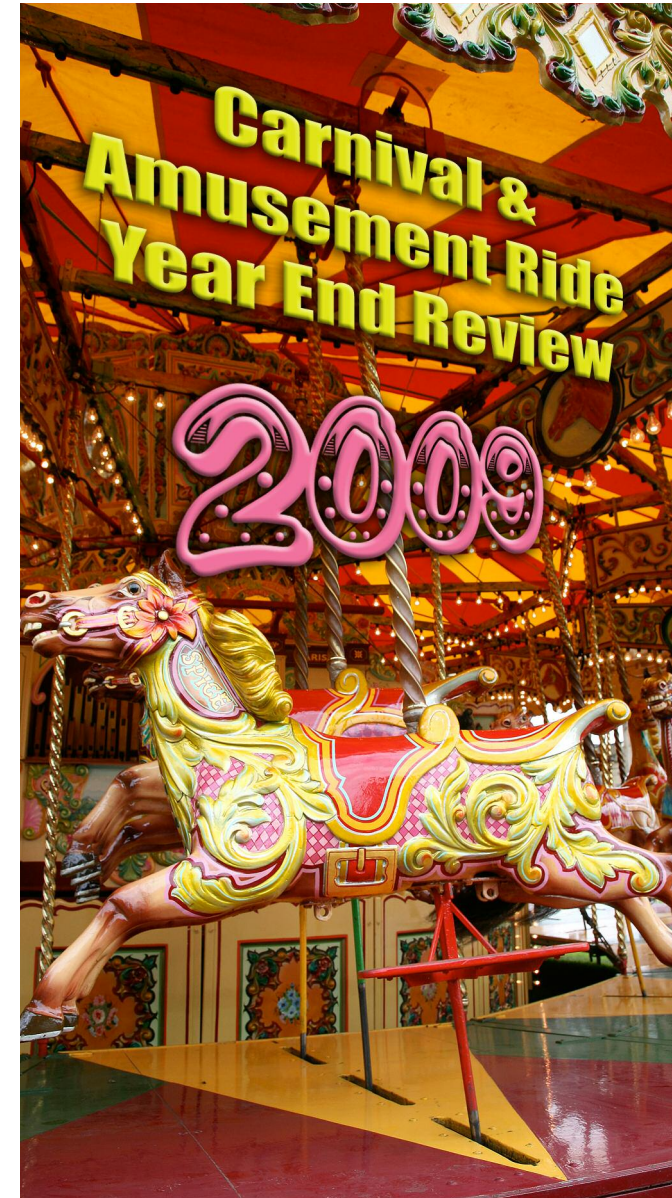
2010 SAMPLE PERMIT TO OPERATE

All amusement rides and amusement attractions
must have a current permit to operate sticker.



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CARNIVAL & AMUSEMENT RIDES SAFETY ACT

NEW CHANGES FOR 2010

Effective August 7, 2009

- Public Act 96-151 amends the Carnival and Amusement Rides Safety Act to **exempt volunteers** that operate or assist in the operation of an amusement ride or attraction **from the criminal history records check, sex offender registry check and substance abuse policy requirements**.
- **Volunteers** are still required to be **trained** in how to properly and safely operate the ride or attraction **and must be at least 16 years old** pursuant to the Act and rules.
- Owners of amusement rides and attractions must maintain a **volunteer worker roster** on site at all times any volunteer is working. The owner shall maintain the volunteer roster for a minimum of one year following the event. An owner shall provide this completed form to the Department at the time of inspection or upon request. Failure to have the completed form on site may result in amusement rides or attractions not being allowed to operate.
- **Volunteer is defined as** a person who operates or assists in the operation of an amusement ride or amusement attraction for an owner or operator without pay or lodging. An individual shall not be considered a volunteer if the individual is otherwise employed by the same owner or operator to perform the same type of service as those for which the individual proposes to volunteer.
- The Act now also provides for **civil penalties of up to \$2,500** for a first offense and up to \$5,000 for a second or subsequent offense for operating an amusement ride or amusement attraction **without a valid permit**. This is in addition to the current Class A misdemeanor for violations of the Act.
- Carnival owners must now use the **National Sex Offender Public Registry** (rather than the Illinois Sex Offender Registry) to conduct checks for those that manage, physically operate, or assist in the operation of an amusement ride or amusement attraction. The checks must be performed at the time the carnival worker is hired and annually thereafter, except if the carnival worker is in the continued employ of the company.
- **Criminal history records checks** can now be conducted by the Illinois State Police (ISP), another state or federal law enforcement agency or a business belonging to the National Association of Professional Background Check Screeners (previously checks were only acceptable if performed by ISP).
- **Recordkeeping requirements** have been added in order to allow carnival owners to share the results of any criminal history records checks or sex offender registry checks with the Illinois Department of Labor. These records shall be maintained by the owner or operator for a period of two years unless the records relate to an ongoing investigation or enforcement action under the Act, in which case the records must be maintained until after their destruction is authorized by the Department of Labor or court order.

2009 STATISTICS

Number of Full-time Inspectors	5
Number of Companies Registered	304
Number of Inspection Locations	697
Number of Show Dates	1,454
Number of Rides Issued Permits	2,411
Total Number of Inspections	4,736
Revenue Collected	\$138,750
Number of Stop Orders Issued	4
Number of Stop Orders Resolved	4
Number of 5 Day Letters Issued	12

NUMBER OF INJURIES 15

TYPE OF INJURY

Fatalities	0
Lacerations or Punctures	3
Bruises or Sprains	3
Broken Bones	6
Other/Unknown	3

CAUSE OF INJURY

Owner/Operator Error	3
Patron Error	10
Mechanical	1
Other/Unknown	1

REVISED CARNIVAL RULES FOR 2010 SEASON

- The Department of Labor filed the revised rule with the Illinois Secretary of State's Office on December 29, 2009.
- The revised rule will be published in the January 15 edition of the Illinois Register and is effective December 29, 2009.
- For further information regarding the Act, Administrative Rules or permit application process please visit our website at:
www.state.il.us/agency/idol/laws/law85.htm